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GERMANY REFUSES TO ADMIT SINKING OF LUSITANIA ILLEGAL

NEW INSTRUCTIONS FORWARDED TO BERNSTORFF FROM BERLIN TODAY EXPRESS REGRET OVER SINKING OF LUSITANIA—SAID TO BE GERMANY'S EXTREME CONCESSION IN THE LUSITANIA CASE.

Secretary Lansing Refuses to Discuss the Lusitania Matter Until President Wilson Returns to Washington this Afternoon—Vienna Says Three Air Raids Have Been Made on Durazzo Within the Last Few Days, Also on Avlona—Paris Offers Twenty-Five Thousand Francs to Aviator Bringing Down Zeppelin and Ten Thousand Francs to Gunner Obtaining Same Result with Shells—Henry Morgenthau Reaches Berlin en Route Home—Turkey—Germans Admit Turkish Defeat in Caucas

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The Associated Press learns that it is probable that Germany under no circumstances will admit that the sinking of the Lusitania was an illegal act.

New instructions forwarded to Ambassador Bernstorff contain one phase of the new formulation of the proposed note of regret for the sinking of the Lusitania. It is suggested that the sentence contains but eight words, not containing the word "illegal."

This is said, represents the extreme limit of Germany's concessions in the Lusitania case.

Under Secretary of foreign affairs, Alfred Zimmerman, told the Associated Press, "the government will do everything in its power and has done everything in its power to meet American wishes, but there are limits beyond which even friendship snaps."

Turks Evacuate Erzerum
London, Feb. 4.—A Petrograd dispatch says the newspaper Nova Vremya receives trustworthy information that the Turks have evacuated Erzerum, one of the principal strongholds on the Caucasian front. Vienna reports the bombardment of Bucacz, Galicia, by a Russian air squadron and Russian raids on Volhynia, while the Austrian airmen were equally active.

A second Zeppelin raid on Saloniki Wednesday was frustrated by allied batteries.

Lansing Awaits Wilson
Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—Secretary Lansing refuses to discuss the Lusitania case in the absence of official information. Something definite may be done after President Wilson returns this afternoon from his speaking tour.

Wilson read the Berlin dispatches on the Lusitania situation on his train but made no comment. Members of his party, however, said, he regarded the situation as "unfavorable."

Airship Raids at Durazzo.
Berlin, Feb. 4.—A Vienna official statement says, three airship raids have been made on Durazzo, Albania, within the past few days. Raids were also made on Avlona.

Morgenthau Coming Home.
Berlin, Feb. 4.—Henry Morgenthau, United States ambassador to Turkey, arrived here today en route home.

Prize for Zeppelins.
Paris, Feb. 4.—French newspapers announce an offer of twenty-five thousand francs to any aviator bringing down a Zeppelin, and ten thousand francs to any gunner obtaining the same result with shells.

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London, Feb. 4.—The Germans are said to have admitted the failure of the Turkish campaign in Caucasus. Eighty wounded Turkish officers and five thousand wounded men have arrived at Trebizond from the recent fighting south of Erzerum, where they were forced to retreat.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., Feb. 4.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and warmer. Saturday increasing cloudiness and warmer.
Local Weather Data
Highest temperature yesterday 46
Lowest temperature last night 30
Highest temperature same date last year 58
Lowest temperature same date last year 45

SOLICITORS CLAIM OF THE GERMANS

SECRETARY LANSING SAYS U. S. WILL HOLD PRUSSIAN-AMERICAN TREATY GOOD.

QUESTION OF TIME

Lansing Says Sole Question Now is How Long Appam Will Be Allowed to Remain in American Waters—All But Crew Released.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary Lansing indicates that the United States has decided to hold that the Prussian-American treaty governs the Appam case, as Germany contends, and that all that remained to be decided was the interpretation of the application of the treaty's terms.

He also said that the sole question remaining was how long the Appam should remain in American waters.

All except the prize crew were permitted to leave the Appam at Newport News yesterday.

Great Britain to Protest.
Washington, Feb. 4.—British Ambassador Spring-Rice presented today a formal demand on behalf of his government for the return of the Appam to her British owners. A new diplomatic controversy with Great Britain is foreshadowed, as the United States has practically decided to declare the ship a German prize.

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SIX WOMEN BURNED IN BROOKLYN

FIRE IN BROOKLYN RESIDENCE BURNED SIX WOMEN TO DEATH—SNOW RETARDS WORK OF FIREMEN.

New York, Feb. 4.—Six women were burned to death in a residence fire in Brooklyn this morning. The heavy snow delayed the firemen reaching the house.

Five at Atlantic City.
Atlantic City, Feb. 4.—Five persons lost their lives and eight others were injured when the Overbrook hotel burned here today.



Judge Charles M. Campbell
Who died at his home in this city at 7:20 this morning

It is indeed a sad duty for The Ardmoreite to chronicle the death of Judge C. M. Campbell, who passed away at 7:20 this morning at his home on North Washington street in this city.

Judge Campbell's health has not been good for several months, but he seemed cheerful, and spent most of his time with his family. On Wednesday, while in the basement of his home, he suffered a slight attack of apoplexy and was assisted into the house by the negro whose work he was directing in the basement. The spell wore away and he seemed as cheerful as ever throughout the day, and ate heartily Wednesday night at the evening meal. Wednesday morning at 10:20 he was up when a second stroke came, and he never spoke a word after that time. He was conscious at times, but could not speak. He survived until 7:20 Friday morning, when he passed away. The deceased is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Raye Campbell, who makes her home with her parents. Besides his immediate family, he is survived by a number of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, followed by interment in Rose Hill cemetery. Dr. C. C. Welch, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. J. W. Burns, pastor of the First Christian church, will conduct the funeral services. There will be a Masonic escort at the funeral, but outside of that the two lodges—the Masons and the Elks—of which deceased was a member, will not further officiate. The deceased was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church.

Relatives and friends have been notified by wire, and a number of them will be here for the funeral. W. B. Campbell, a nephew of Fort Worth, has arrived and also Louis Simpson, a brother of Mrs. Campbell, has arrived from Fort Worth. Mrs. Roy C. Mills of Ennis, Texas, a niece of W. B. Campbell, is expected here today. Some of the relatives reside in New York and some in Selma, Ala., and they will not be able to get here on account of the distance.

Judge Campbell was the son of James W. and Susan Morgan Campbell. He was the youngest of thirteen children, and was born in Knoxville, Tenn., November 2, 1850. In 1886 he was married to Miss Mary Frances Simpson at Austin, Texas, who survives him. Their only child, Miss Raye Campbell, was born to them in this city. Judge and Mrs. Campbell moved to Ardmore from Paris, Texas, in 1891. He practiced law here in the federal court until 1897, when he was appointed clerk of the federal court. He was a candidate at that time for federal judge, but President McKinley as a personal appointment wanted to name Judge Horea Townsend, and Judge Campbell was given the clerkship of the court, which he held until statehood in 1907. He held the same office in

ARDMORE BAR ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS

OF RESPECT FOR LATE JUDGE C. M. CAMPBELL. FLORAL TRIBUTE PURCHASED, HONORARY PALL BEARERS SELECTED.

The Ardmore Bar Association held a meeting today in the district court room for the purpose of appointing a committee to draft resolutions of respect to the Hon. C. M. Campbell, a departed member of the bar. The following committee was appointed: Judge H. C. Potter, W. B. Johnson, A. Eddleman, J. C. Thompson, C. O. Bunn. This committee will meet this afternoon and draft suitable resolutions

ALL BUILDINGS AT STATE PRISON FARM SWEEP AWAY

ARKANSAS RIVER FLOODS HAVE CARRIED AWAY ALL THE BUILDINGS AT THE STATE PRISON FARM AT CUMMINS. STATE'S LOSS THERE WILL RUN INTO THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

Attempts Made Last Night to Dynamite Government Levee at Pine Bluff, and Officials are Making Investigation There Today—Train Service Has Been Restored Over Iron Mountain Between Little Rock and St. Louis—Crest of Arkansas River Flood Has Reached Southeastern Arkansas—Fifty Women and Children Rescued from Marooned Store at Gould Yesterday—High Water Subsiding at Newport—Arkansas City Believed to Be Safe from Flood Waters—Thousands of People Homeless, and Seven Lives Lost to Date in Arkansas.

OTTAWA, CANADA, HAS BIG BLAZE

CANADA'S SIX-MILLION-DOLLAR PARLIAMENT BUILDING IS IN ASHES TODAY.

BOMB CAUSED FIRE

Believed That Bomb or Infernal Machine Caused Fire and Investigation Will Be Made—Five Lives Lost and Many Injured.

Ottawa, Canada, Feb. 4.—Canada's six-million-dollar parliament building lay in ruins today, swept by the fire last night attributed to a bomb or some infernal machine.

Five lives are known to have been lost—two women and three men—and many injured, while some are still missing.

The contents of the building were of great value, and the financial loss is difficult to estimate.

The fire started in a reading room, where the flames leaped rapidly in the loose papers.

An investigation will be started to determine the cause of the fire.

The flames from the burning parliament building were seen two miles away at Rideau Hall, the residence of the Duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada. The Duke summoned his household aid, all of whom are wounded officers invalided from the front, and they motored swiftly to the city, but were unable to give any assistance. The governor-general sat in his closed car and watched the destruction of the historic building, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1867 by his brother, King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales.

Commissioner of Dominion Police Sherwood rejected the bomb theory today in the capitol fire, saying that it was purely accidental.

that will be published in the next issue of the Ardmoreite.

A donation was raised by the members of the bar for the purpose of purchasing a floral offering. The following members of the bar were appointed honorary pall bearers: Judge W. F. Freeman, Judge Thomas Champion, A. J. Hardy, J. T. Coleman, W. D. Potter, O. C. Lasher.

The bar made arrangements to attend the funeral in a body tomorrow.

With the Sick.

Allen Crosby, who accidentally shot away part of his foot on November 27, has contracted blood poison and is reported in a very serious condition. Some improvement in his condition was reported this morning, however.

Sign of Prosperity.

W. O. Beward, representing the Mergenthaler Linotype company's New Orleans agency, is here today closing a contract with The Register for one of the latest model and highest priced typesetting (for Linotype) machines made.—Gainesville Register.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 4.—All buildings on the state penal farm at Cummins have been swept away by the Arkansas River floods. The damage there will run into the thousands of dollars.

Attempts were unsuccessfully made last night to dynamite the government levee at Pine Bluff and officials there are investigating today. The cause is unknown.

Train service on the Iron Mountain between Little Rock and St. Louis was restored today.

Seven Lives Lost.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 4.—The crest of the Arkansas River flood, now well down the river, is causing new destruction and suffering in the counties of southeastern Arkansas. Water pouring through a half-dozen breaks in the levees is flooding towns in Lincoln and Desha Counties. These towns are filled with persons who have fled from their homes in the lowlands and much suffering will result unless aid is sent speedily. Seven lives have been lost up to date in the floods in this state.

Fifty persons, many of them women and children, who had spent twenty-four hours marooned in a store at Gould, Desha County, rescued themselves yesterday, when the men in the store built a boat from shelves torn from the store. This crude boat made several trips, conveying all the marooned persons to high ground in safety, although the trips were perilous in the swift current of the flood waters.

The crest of the White River flood has reached the lower course of the river, and at Newport is slowly subsiding.

Seven lives have been lost and hundreds of thousands of dollars damage done. Hundreds of families are homeless and the next two days is expected to see the loss and suffering increased.

Tom Peruzis, a farmer, was drowned near Newman Thursday when he attempted to steer a skiff through a swift current. Another white man was found dead near the same place. It is presumed he had become exhausted by the cold and drowned. He has not been identified.

A negro family—father, mother and child—were drowned near Mellwood. Two other deaths had been reported previous to Thursday. Laconia Circle, fifty miles below Helena, is flooded today and the towns of Mellwood, Ferguson, Laconia and Knowlton are inundated.

Nearly three hundred families have been driven from their homes in the Laconia levee district.

Helena is not in danger, according to dispatches received here. Many refugees have sought shelter there.

A dispatch received here by the Associated Press correspondent from the Business Men's Club of Arkansas City says that point is not in serious danger. Water is rising now in Arkansas City, but the collapsing levees around the town, it was said, would prevent a repetition of the disaster of 1913.

Relief for Sufferers.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The senate today passed a bill appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the relief of Mississippi Valley flood sufferers and authorizing the secretary of war to loan tents for those homeless.

Little Business Helps: Want Ads.